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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Qi Han
WIDE ROELAND HOGENHOUT ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2654
Application No.: 09/803,974)	
	:	Allowed: March 13, 2006
Filed: March 13, 2001)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 8959
For: NATURAL LANGUAGE)	
MACHINE INTERFACE	:	April 19, 2006

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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

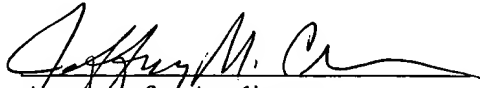
The Notice of Allowability mailed March 13, 2006 included, as an attachment, a statement of reasons for allowance.

However, not all of the features cited by the Examiner accurately reflect what is recited in the independent claims. For example, the independent claims do not recite obtaining "a current state of said machine by executing an instruction received from user," but rather obtaining "a current state of said machine achieved by executing an instruction received from a user." It is also noted that independent Claim 28 recites "Program code for programming a processor to provide a user interface for a machine . . . ," not "program code for use with a

machine” Nevertheless, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the pending claims is allowable for its combination of claimed features.

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